

## **REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 54-57 and 59 to 60 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 6 of U.S. patent No. 6,799,303 in view of Blumberg in U.S. Patent No. 5,664,896. Further, claims 54, 56, 57 and 60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Blumberg in U.S. Patent No. 5,664,896. Claims 55 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blumberg. Claim 58 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the outstanding office action, a terminal disclaimer is attached to avoid the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

In addition, with respect to the rejection of independent claim 54, attention is drawn to the paragraph of claim 54 where it is stated that more than one letter is assigned to “at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having only two letters assigned to each letter input element.” Further, in the preamble of claim 54, it is stated that the method of the present invention is directed to “entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements.”

Turning to U.S. Patent No. 5,664,896 to Blumberg, of the various keyboards depicted in the drawings of this patent, only Figures 10, 16 and 20 include at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements. In these three figures, there are fifteen operator-selectable letter input elements. However, in reviewing these figures, only five of the fifteen letter input elements include “only two letters assigned to each letter input element.”

As stated in claim 54, a majority of the at least thirteen operator-selected letter input elements have only two letters assigned to each letter input element. Therefore, the Blumberg patent does not meet the features of claim 54 with respect to the majority of the letter elements having only two letters assigned to each letter input element in an at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements keyboard. In addition, dependent claims 55 through 57, 59 and 60 have been amended to define the specific letters located on a letter input element. Accordingly, the claims dependent from claim 54 should be allowable. New claims 61 through 67 have been added which are also dependent from claim 54.

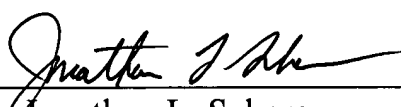
In addition, dependent claim 58 has been placed in independent form. Claim 58 had previously been indicated to be allowable, and therefore claim 58 should now also be in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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